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SUBJECT: SUBIC-OLONGAPO VD CONTROL PROJECT - COORDINATION WITH
GOP AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE

REF: A. STATE 245135

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1. PROJECT HAS BEEN AGREED AT LOCAL LEVEL AND ASSENT GOP
REGIONAL MEDICAL OFFICER ALSO OBTAINED. EMBASSY BELIEVES
IT NECESSARY, HOWEVER, TO GET GOP ACQUIESENCE TO PROJECT
AND NOTE CITING ARTICLE VIII (HEALTH MEASURES OUTSIDE BASES)
AND DESCRIBING PROJECT HAS BEEN DESPATCHED TO DFA REQUESTING
AGREEMENT (COPIES POUCHED EA/PHL AND SUBIC). THERE CERTAIN
DANGER GOP NON-AGREEMENT, BUT IT PREFERABLE TO SMOKE THIS
OUT NOW, RATHER THAN RECEIVE ANOTHER ANGRY ROMULO NOTE
LATER WHEN INEVITABLE PUBLICITY RE PROJECT COMES OUT. BY
SAME TOKEN, CITATION OF MBA AND SHARING INFORMATION ON
PROJECT WITH DFA AT THIS JUNCTURE MAY HAVE USEFUL EFFECT
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AND STIMULATE CONCURRENCE. WE WILL KEEP ADDRESSEES INFORMED.

2. EMBASSY CONSIDERS PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE CONTAINED REF B GENERALLY ADEQUATE. HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE AS A MATTER POLICY, THAT CERTAIN QUERIES OF TYPE ENVISAGED IN Q AND A ON OLONGAPO AS VD VECTOR SHOULD BASICALLY BE DIRECTED TO OLONGAPO AUTHORITIES. GENERAL NAVY RESPONSES TO QUERIES SHOULD BE LIMITED TO FACTS ON PROPOSED PROGRAM, AMOUNT OF SUPPORT U.S. PROVIDING AND DETAILS OF COORDINATION WITH PHILIPPINE AUTHORITIES.

3. REVISED GUIDANCE FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: AT THE INITIATIVE OF LOCAL AUTHORITIES, THE U.S. NAVY PLANS TO ASSIST IN A SOCIAL HYGIENE PROJECT DESIGNED TO CONTROL VD IN THE CITY OF OLONGAPO.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE WILL BE OFFERED TO THE OLONGAPO HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S SOCIAL HYGIENE CLINIC BY THE NAVAL MEDICAL CENTER IN SUBIC BAY. THIS SUPPORTIVE AND LOGISTICAL ASSISTANCE WILL INCLUDE: IMPORVEMENT OF THE CLINIC'S EXAMINATION AND LABORATORY SPACES; THE PROVISION OF SOME NEW MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND THE USE OF NAVY VEHICLES BY CLINIC OFFICIALS.

IN ADDITION, OLONGAPO LABORATORY TECHNICIANS WILL RECEIVE PERIODIC REFRESHER AND ADVANCED TRAINING IN THE BASE HOSPITAL. NO U.S. NAVY PERSONNEL WILL BE ASSIGNED TO THE OLONGAPO CLINIC. END QUOTE.

4. REVISED A AND A FOLLOW:

QUOTE Q(1): WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE PROGRAM?

A(1) THE PROGRAM WILL AIM AT A COMPREHENSIVE ATTACK ON ALL THE MEDICAL ASPECTS OF VD.

Q(2): IS THE VD PROBLEM IN OLONGAPO SIGNIFICANT?

A(2): VD IS A WORLDWIDE PROBLEM AND THE NAVY IS INTERESTED IN SOLVING THE PROBLEM WHEREVER U.S. FORCES ARE PRESENT.

Q(3): IS THE PROGRAM RELATED TO THE DRUG STUDY ON THE U.S.S. HANCOCK LAST YEAR?

A(3): THERE IS NO RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THESE PROGRAMS OTHER THAN THE NAVY'S AIM TO CONTROL VD.

Q(4): HOW MUCH IS THE PROGRAM COSTING THE NAVY AND WHERE IS THE MONEY COMING FROM?
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A(4): APPROXIMATELY \$53,000 WAS BUDGETED BY BUMED FROM FISCAL 1974 FUNDS AND NEARLY \$100,000 IN OPERATING COSTS HAVE BEEN BUDGETED FOR FY 75 AND FY 76.

Q(5): WHAT IS THE MONEY TO BE USED FOR?

A(5): THE MONEY WILL HELP TO IMPROVE THE OLONGAPO CLINIC'S EXAMINATION AND LABORATORY FACILITIES AND TO BUY VARIOUS EQUIPMENT. IT WILL ALSO BE USED TO HELP MAINTAIN THREE NAVY VEHICLES WHICH WILL BE USED BY THE CLINIC IN

SUPPORT OF THIS PROJECT. THE VEHICLES WILL BE PROVIDED AND SERVICED BY THE SUBIC PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

(Q(6): WHAT KIND OF MEDICAL EQUIPMENT WILL BE PURCHASED FOR THE CLINIC?

A(6): THE EQUIPMENT WILL INCLUDE MICROSCOPES AND AN ASSORTMENT OF OTHER SUPPLIES.

Q(7): HOW LONG WILL THE PROGRAM BE CONTINUED?

A(7): THE LENGTH OF THE PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED.

Q(8): WHO WILL BE IN CHARGE OF THE NAVY ASSISTANCE?

A(8): OVERALL MANAGEMENT OF THE NAVY ASSISTANCE TO THE OLONGAPO PROJECT WILL BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE NAVAL REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER, SUBIC BAY. HE WILL WORK CLOSE COORDINATION WITH THE MANY DIFFERENT LOCAL GROUPS THAT HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE PROGRAM, PARTICULARLY THE LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITIES WHO WILL HAVE OVERALL CHARGE OF THE PROGRAM.

Q(9): DOES THIS PROGRAM INDICATE THE NAVY CONDONES OR SUPPORTS PROSTITUTION?

A(9): NO. ASSISTANCE IS BEING PROVIDED TO COMBAT A SPECIFIC MEDICAL PROBLEM OF CONCERN TO BOTH LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND THE NAVY. END QUOTE.

5. GUIDANCE AND Q AND AS SHOULD BE USED IN RESPONSE TO QUERY ONLY.
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